

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of ~~associating concurrently updating application and a~~ server configuration with an application data, said method comprising:

receiving from a user at least one server configuration file comprising server configuration data and application association data, said application association data comprising a list of all versions of the applications installed on ~~[[a]]~~ the server as well as versions of the server to which the ~~applications~~ application versions are associated, said receiving step being responsive to creation or modification of the at least one server configuration file, wherein the server configuration data comprises any data used to configure the server for operation with the application version;

storing in a data repository the at least one server configuration file and application association data, wherein the application association data comprises a relation between the at least one server configuration file and the ~~applications~~ application versions installed on the server; wherein the repository comprises multiple versions of server configuration data required to run the ~~applications~~ application versions on a plurality of servers and platforms;

receiving a request to select a particular version of one or more server configuration files stored within the data repository, the request comprising: data associated with an application under development, wherein said application ~~which~~ is to be transferred to at least one server on at least one platform;

wherein the particular version comprises a version selected from a group consisting of: a most recent version of the one or more server configuration files, a penultimate version of the one or more server configuration files, and an older version of the one or more server configuration files;

retrieving the particular version of the at least one server configuration file associated with the application under development to be transferred;

bundling the application under development and the particular version of the at least one server configuration file into a single package comprising the application under development with versioned configuration data to configure the at least one server to reproduce an execution environment for running said application on the at least one platform; and

transferring to the at least one server the single package for configuring the at least one server with the server configuration data from the particular version of the server configuration file.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising providing server configuration metadata for storing in the data repository, the metadata comprising a linkage between the at least one server configuration file and corresponding application data.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the server configuration metadata is provided in the server configuration file.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising providing application metadata for storing in the data repository, the application data comprising at least one selected from a group consisting of: data describing a particular file or component, version data, timestamp data, and indicator data indicating whether a piece of data has been checked out and by whom.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising a step of providing the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and further comprising a step of providing another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26 further comprising a step of providing the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server for execution on a first computer system platform and further comprising a step of providing another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure said first server for execution on a second computer system platform.

32. (Currently amended) A computer storage medium storing data and instructions, said data and instructions adapting the computer system to:

an input/output interface that receives ~~receive~~ from a user at least one server configuration file comprising server configuration data and application association data, said application association data comprising a list of all versions of applications installed on the server as well as versions of the server to which the application versions applications are associated, said receiving step being responsive to creation or modification of the at least one server configuration file, wherein the server configuration data comprises any data used to configure the server for operation with the application version;

~~store in~~ a data repository for storing the at least one server configuration file and application association data, wherein the application association data comprises a relation between the at least one server configuration file and the ~~applications~~ application versions installed on the server; wherein the repository comprises multiple versions of server configuration data required to run the ~~applications~~ application versions on a plurality of servers and platforms;

wherein the input/output interface further receives ~~receive~~ a request to select a particular version of one or more server configuration files stored within the data repository, the request comprising data associated with an application under development, wherein said application ~~which~~ is to be transferred to at least one server on at least one platform, wherein the particular version comprises a version selected from a group consisting of: a most recent version of the one or more server configuration files, a penultimate version of the one or more server configuration files, and an older version of the one or more server configuration files; and

a processor that:

retrieves ~~retrieve~~ the particular version of the at least one server configuration file associated with the application under development to be transferred;

bundles ~~bundle~~ the application under development and the particular version of the at least one server configuration file into a single package comprising the application under development with versioned configuration data to configure the at least one server to reproduce an execution environment for running said application on the at least one platform; and

transfers ~~transfer~~ to the at least one server the single package to configure the at least one server with the server configuration data from the particular version of the server configuration file.

33. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the at least one server configuration file comprises a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and wherein another of the at least one server configuration file comprises a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.

34. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide server configuration metadata for storing in the data

repository, the metadata comprising a linkage between the at least one server configuration file and corresponding application data.

35. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the server configuration metadata is provided in the server configuration file.

36. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide application metadata for storing in the data repository, the application data comprising at least one selected from a group consisting of: data describing a particular file or component, version data, timestamp data, and indicator data indicating whether a piece of data has been checked out and by whom.

37. (Previously presented) The computer storage medium of claim 32 wherein the computer system is further adapted to provide the at least one server configuration file with a first server configuration file adapted to configure a first server and to further provide another of the at least one server configuration file with a second server configuration file adapted to configure a second server.